

ECZEMA

The Only Known Cure is Proven so in Thousands of Cases where Physicians and All Remedial Agents Failed.

The letter from Mr. Wm. Giesz, a reputable and widely known citizen of 223 West Morgan Street, Denison, Texas, is a testimonial of gratitude. He says: "I know that I have suffered for thirty years, and I want my testimony published to the world. So intolerable has the disease become with me that at times I felt as though I would as soon be dead as alive. It afflicted me from the face, making it exceedingly red, but S. S. S. has driven this humiliating color entirely away and my natural complexion has returned. I have been badly afflicted for thirty years; had tried salves, ointments, washes and other external remedies and spent hundreds of dollars seeking a cure without being benefited until I used S. S. S., which permanently cured me in a short while."

Mr. W. P. Brush, Secretary of Missouri and Kansas Short-horn Breeders' Association, of Kansas City, Mo., was afflicted with Eczema, the disease breaking out in patches on the inside of palms of the hands, and he says in a letter concerning his case that his hands itched and burned, causing much discomfort, at times being more aggravated than at others. He concluded he had Eczema, and confirmed his opinion by consulting physicians, and was in turn treated by several physicians, and in some instances, used several external applications, but it was not until he used S. S. S. that he found himself completely cured, with no sign or symptom of a return of the disease.

Has cured thousands of cases of Eczema, which is a disease of the blood finding an exit through the pores of the skin in a distressing and irritating form, causing a continual distressing and itching, which is more or less aggravated during the hot summer months. The blood once purified with Eczema, the disease is an everlasting one unless S. S. S. (Swift's Specific) is used to eradicate it. There are as many forms of the disease as there are causes for it. In the mildest form it is annoying and disfiguring, reddening and pimply the skin, often in the face, and in the malignant form, it is unendurable torture, in many cases wrecking the nervous system completely. Whether you have Eczema in an incipient form, or a case deep-seated and of long standing, S. S. S. is an absolutely sure and positive cure. It is guaranteed to cure Eczema, Tetter, Scrofula, Cancer, Contagious Blood Poison and all forms of blood and skin diseases. Book on these diseases mailed free. Address SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

THE LIGHT DRAGOONS

RECOLLECTIONS OF A CELEBRATED MILITARY COMMAND.

BIG MEN'S NAMES ON THE ROLL.

Judge Crump, Col. Dodamead, Col. Evans, Dr. Gibson, Dick Haskins, John M. Gregory, Joe Mayo, Col. Tompkins Members.

(For the Dispatch.)

The following list has been given me for publication in the Dispatch by Mr. Samuel S. Sublett, of Sublett's, Powhatan county. He will be remembered by our elderly citizens as the courteous and hospitable proprietor of the Columbian tavern in the good old days of unremembered Virginia.

Mr. Sublett tells me he was of the famous Richmond Light Dragoons for eight years, during which time he never missed but one roll-call. He has appended to the list of names a pencil-sketch of the company's flag, which he had the honor to bear on parade-days as flag-sergeant, in colors and white, and blue, displayed in separate bands, or bars, with a sprinkling of stars—the old thirteen.

"I think," says my venerable friend and correspondent, "you know all these men as well as I, for they were of our old citizens. I know not if any of the old troopers survive, excepting Samuel Cottrell, Robert B. Sneed, John F. Lay, Bob and Bunny Crouch, and myself. Time tells a mighty tale."

The old trooper refers in loving terms to the officers who commanded respectively the Henrico and Chesterfield dragoons. "There was," he says, "a mutual understanding between them and the captain of our company to dine every recurring Fourth of July, 23rd of February, and 1st of October, at such places as each commander in turn might designate by a card of invitation. Our dining-days found us sometimes at Buchanan's, or the Spring, or Fairfield, or Bloody Run, or Ritchie's Spring, or the Farmer's Hotel, in Manchester, O. These were bully times."

"They were, indeed. Do not the poets feign the old times to be always the best; the new to be always the worst? Scan the list above given, and say if it be possible now to make another like it."

The first commander of the reorganized troop—1894—was John M. Gregory, who became subsequently one of Virginia's most popular governors. Both his predecessors and his successors in command of this famous company were gentlemen of note in the military annals of Richmond. What must have been the pride of these brave old captains, who saw in their ranks none but equals—what their confidence who knew if an emergency arose every man would answer the call of the bugle!

This pathetic story of Dick Gaines, the black bugler of the troop, is told by Mr. Sublett: "Do you remember," he says, "your noted horn-blower? After the Southampton war he went crazy on music. He used to walk the streets of Richmond blowing a fife, as if his whole soul was in it. I have known him to stop in front of the old Columbian hotel, and blow away for an hour or more. This would be a little before the packet was booked to leave its landing, at the head of the basin. If any of our guests happened to be going that way, Dick would accompany them, with grave military steps, and continue his march as far up as the old Armory, all the while blowing, till the boat turned the head at the Tredgare and was lost to sight."

The Richmond Light Dragoons was in existence before and subsequent to the war of 1812. When the startling news came to Richmond on Tuesday, the 23d day of August, 1812, that the negroes of Southampton had risen, and were putting to death its white inhabitants without regard to age, sex, or condition, the troop, under command of Captain Hart, doleful, marched on the instant, with full ranks, to the infected district. The Artillery Battery, Captain Richardson commanding, followed at slower gait. The Public Guard, stationed at the old Armory, were deemed to be sufficient for the protection of the city. No other volunteer company than the two mentioned appears to have been in existence at the time. A cavalry company was hastily formed to take the place of the departing one. The city was said to be in its usual state of undisturbed commerce. Patrols were doubtless assisted the night watches on their beats, but no mention is made of their service by the newspapers of that period.

Nothing worthy of note occurred during the march of the Richmond troops southward, save this ludicrous incident, which was told me many years ago by one of Captain Richardson's men:

Dick Gaines, the aforesaid black bugler, having gone beyond the troop as they were passing through a thick wood, fell unawares upon an ambush of patriots, who, seeing a horseman, hoisted and spurred, and mistaking him for General Pat. Turner, or other black rebel, fixed their triggers to shoot him. Dick, surprised as much as they, wheeled about on horse, and ducking his head below the neck of his horse, to escape a volley, dashed wildly back to the troop, who, suspecting the cause of his disfigurement, were laughing at him.

QUERIES & ANSWERS.

A RECEIPT FOR MAKING GOVERNMENT WHITEWASH.

CLERKS IN THE CENSUS BUREAU.

How the Appointments are to be Made—Law as to the Levying of Taxes—Description of a Curious Phenomenon, &c.

How to Spell It.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Will you please publish in Sunday's paper how to spell the word Macroom, or Macroon. It is in County Cork, Ireland. I have heard it spelled three different ways. Is Macroom, County Cork, Ireland, the proper way?

A SUBSCRIBER.

No; it is "Macroom," County Cork, Ireland.

Extra Pay.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please inform me, through your Query column, in your next issue, whom to and in what way to apply for extra month's pay for services rendered in the Spanish-American war, and kindly oblige a soldier of the late Company D, Virginia Regiment.

Waynesboro, Va.

Consult one of the agents who are advertising, or write to the Secretary of War.

Levying for Taxes.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

1. Can a man be taxed who is not a voter, and who is not registered on the books as a citizen?

2. Can they levy on his furniture or other property for head taxes or any taxes? If so, which?

3. Levies for taxes of any description can be made upon any sort of property, except that which is especially exempted by law.

Government Whitewash.

(Boston Globe.)

To the Editor of the People's Column:

Please publish a receipt for government whitewash.

W. G. P. Slake half a bushel of lime with boiling water, keeping it covered during the process. Strain it and add a few pounds dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice put in boiling water and boiled to a thin paste, half a pound of powdered Spanish whiting, and a pound of clear glue dissolved in warm water. Stir these well together and let the mixture stand for several days. Keep the wash thus prepared in a kettle or portable furnace, and when using have it as hot as possible.

Prices for Bright Tobacco.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Will you be so kind as to tell me in your Query column the highest price leaf tobacco has ever been sold for per pound in Richmond?

W. W. W. Canton, Miss.

Bright tobacco wrappers sold as high as \$2 per pound in 1867, and 1868—one fancy hoghead bringing \$2.25 per pound. Fancy un-cured tobacco has sold as high as \$2.50 per pound in small packages. A hoghead of Burley wrappers sold at the Richmond Tobacco Exposition, in October, 1888, for \$100—weight not known.

Laurel Reformatory.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

In your paper of July 11th I read and noted an article entitled "Where Bad Boys Go." After speaking of the reformatory, it wound up with a remark as to the boys' love of flowers. Now, if you will tell me where to send them, I will be glad to send them some flowers. I have plenty and would be glad to give them to all such places.

K. B. SMITH.

Brandywine, Caroline county, Va.

The reformatory for white boys is at Laurel, Henrico county, and its superintendent is John W. Cringan, Esq.

Curious Phenomenon.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

A few evenings ago—it was about dusk—I saw a light appearing very much like a pine torch dancing around an Indian's grave near our place. I went to the spot at once, but the light had ceased its appearance before I reached there. There was a scent about the place very much like that caused by burning sugar. Next day I examined the place in light, and found that some of the weeds were killed, as if by fire. Some of our neighbors are rather superstitious about this matter, and I want you to explain the cause of this phenomenon, and greatly oblige.

P. M. B. Dwayne, Va.

Sorry we can't do so; but perhaps some one of our readers can.

The Dog-Days.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Will you kindly inform me, through your Query column, when the dog-days commence and when they end? A. J. AX.

Rochester, Va.

Various dates, from July 23 to August 15th, have been assigned for the first.

THE SHOT THAT TELLS.

Do you know what happens when one of our big thirteen-inch shells strikes a fortification? It is fairly lifted off its foundation.

This is the modern way of doing things: concentrating every ounce of energy into one tremendous irresistible blow that simply annihilates.

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dog-day, and various durations, from thirty to fifty-four days. Pliny says they began with the heliac rising of Procyon, which took place, he says, July 15th, N. S., and this date has been widely accepted. But he also says the sun was then entering Leo, which rule, making the dog-days begin July 23d, has also been used. Hippocrates (460 B. C.) says they were in the hottest and most unhealthy part of summer. If the season was of Babylonian origin, it would originally probably have been in early summer. Perhaps they are now most usually reckoned from July 23 to August 11th, inclusive.—Century Dictionary.

The Girl in the Saddle.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: A year or more ago you sent me an inquiry as to who was the girl who showed General Forrest her way after the enemy in Alabama, and who, firing on him, rushed before him. I could not answer, and so I referred the inquiry to a friend of mine in Montgomery, Ala., but after many days the letter came back from the head-quarter office to me "uncalled for," and the matter had grown so stale I dropped it.

In Harper's Magazine for August is an installment of Dr. Wyeth's "Life of General Forrest," in which it appears that the girl was "Emma Sanson," and you will find some very interesting history in which the incident is described—the pot with all the trimmings that successive narrators have served it with.

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